

Two Thousand Teachers Attending Convention Here

VATICAN REACHES AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN STATE

Complete Change in Relations Between Church and King Victor Emmanuel's Government Expected to be Effected

CLERGY INSTRUCTED TO AID CIVIL OFFICERS

"Understanding" is Reached Regarding Attitude of Church if War Comes But Details Remain a Secret.

By Brixton D'Alaire.

ROME, April 2.—That a complete understanding has been reached between the vatican and the quinal and that the next few months will mark a complete change in Italy's policy toward the holy see has been conveyed by official announcement that the Catholic clergy of the kingdom has been instructed to lend its sincere and hearty cooperation to the civil authorities in preparing the people to face with courage and fortitude the hardships and sacrifices which a bloody and long war might impose on them in the near future.

At the same time this cooperation was taken to mean a first step toward an agreement between the church and the state and a full approval on the part of the pope of Italy's attitude in the present conflict.

Up until a few days ago, Italian public opinion was evenly divided as to the attitude the vatican would take in case events ultimately forced Italy to intervene in the conflict.

The pope's efforts to secure an early peace, his diplomatic negotiations with both groups of belligerents, the sudden appointment of an English ambassador to the vatican, all tended to prove in the eyes of the pessimists that Benedict XV. was endeavoring to secure for the holy see a commanding place in the next peace congress.

Catholic circles and a large number of Italians with various tendencies asserting that a series of diplomatic negotiations between the Italian and the vatican state chancelleries have resulted in a complete understanding between the Italian and the pontifical governments.

The most explicit, though indirect, confirmation of the changed attitude of the vatican toward modern Italy was furnished when Mar. Gavotti, in taking possession of the arch diocese of Genoa, delivered a speech which filled with joy every Italian. For the first time in half a century a representative of the vatican had come to Italy to preach the gospel of peace.

Thanks to the pope's patriotism the most distressing and apparently unsolvable question, that of the diplomats accredited to the vatican has been solved in a way which will insure for Pope Benedict XV. the eternal gratitude of the nation. In case of war the pope has offered to ask for the recall of those diplomats belonging to the nation against which Italy would be compelled to march.

Austrians Repairing Howitzer in Carpathians



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The photograph shows one of the heavy Krupp howitzers sent by Germany to the Carpathians to bolster the Austrian defense against the onrushing legions of the czar. The gun shown in the picture has been struck by a Russian shell, and engineers and artillerymen are attempting to repair it.

GREY DEPARTS ON EVE OF PROTEST BY U. S.

British Foreign Minister Believed on Way to Paris For Conference.

LONDON, April 2.—News of the departure of Sir Edward Grey, foreign minister for England, upon the eve of the American protest against the order in council blockading German ports, caused intense surprise here today.

As a result of the departure of Sir Edward there can be no reply to the American protest for at least a month as the foreign minister will probably be away for about three weeks.

Although the notice of Sir Edward's departure spoke of his absence as a vacation, it is reported on reliable authority that he is going to Paris where he will hold a conference with the French foreign minister, and the Russian ambassador, A. P. Iovskiy, over important and unexpected developments which have just arisen.

In this connection significance can be attached to Petrograd dispatches which say that Austria is on the point of suing Russia for peace.

Another report in circulation was that a conference of various ambassadors would be held in Paris when the near eastern and the future status of Constantinople would be discussed.

ELKHART AND WESTERN TO BE TAKEN OVER BY NEW YORK CENTRALS

On April 15 a hearing will be held on the petition of the New York Central before the public service commission at Indianapolis praying to take over the Elkhart and Western railroad, another of the divisions of the New York Central recently acquired by the New York Central under the federal act. The Elkhart and Western railroad is a short line operating between Mishawaka and Elkhart. Its operations are confined solely to carrying freight between the two cities and the road has been in existence about 15 years.

G. Yeagley, representing the Bucklen interest in the road explained Friday that the taking over of the line is only another of the steps of the New York Central in acquiring all divisions of the New York Central. Much confusion has arisen over the New York Central and New York Central. They are two individual systems, said Mr. Yeagley. The New York Central operates solely in New York state while the New York Central was comprised of the Lake Shore, the Michigan Central, the C. I. & S. and the Elkhart and Western.

FRANK CSENAR, STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE, DIES OF HIS WOUNDS FRIDAY

After lingering for a week, Frank Csenar, 30 years old, who was struck by an automobile last Friday night, driven by Dr. W. H. Baker, died Friday morning at Epworth hospital. Csenar was on a bicycle on his way to work when he collided with Dr. Baker's car. He was severely cut about the head and suffered internal injuries.

He was hurried to the hospital and after several days it was thought he was on a fair way to recovery. He suffered a relapse Thursday, however, and gradually became weaker. Csenar was unmarried. One brother, John, in the city, survives him. He was born Aug. 27, 1885.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Stephen's Catholic church, Father Varlaky officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Grove cemetery.

CITY SEALER BREAKS INSPECTIONS RECORD

Sets Figure at 630 For March —Mrs. Evans to Address Charities.

City Sealer Miller reported at the regular meeting of the board of public safety Friday morning that he had made 630 inspections of scales and measures through the month of March. This record eclipses any other mark of the kind in the history of the city, according to his statement to the board members.

He stated that he had made 167 inspections in the past week alone. It was announced at the meeting that Mrs. Minnie Evans, city police woman, would represent the city at a meeting of the council members of the Associated Charities at the charity rooms Monday afternoon. The committee from the charities appealed to City Controller Manning for some one from the public safety department of the municipal government to attend the meetings of the council and Mrs. Evans was suggested. Topics of charity work among the poorer classes, places where assistance of that type will be most beneficial and similar subjects, will form the discussion.

Chief Kerr presented the safety board with the monthly report of all patrolmen relative to conditions on their respective beats. It was said that conditions in the city, according to these reports, were no worse than usual. The scheme of demanding a monthly report from each patrolman originated with the present board.

BOARD WILL CONSIDER REMONSTRANCES AGAINST BUYING CUTTER PROPERTY

Remonstrances against the purchase of the Cutter property at the south end of St. Louis blvd. will form the principal topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the board of public safety Friday night. The matter has been before the board for some time, having been deferred from its last meeting two weeks ago. According to members of the commission there are more than 100 names on the remonstrance which was filed several weeks ago.

STOLE TO GET IN JAIL; NOW WANTS FREEDOM

Kennedy Changes Mind About Cell—"Not Smart Enough For Crook," He Says.

Even though he did steal a suitcase from the waiting room of the Grand Trunk station Wednesday afternoon for the simple purpose of giving the police cause for sending him to jail, James Kennedy Friday morning, from behind the bars at the county jail, declared that he would rather be free than behind prison bars.

"My God, I hope they don't send me back to that place," said he when he was asked if it was a fact that he preferred prison to freedom. "I've been up there most of the time for nine years and I sure don't want to go back. What do you think they will do with me? I want another chance. And then he told briefly the story of how, now that he was 61 years old, he was not so strong as he used to be and not so able to stand the labor of a steel worker which had been his line of work since his youth. He said that he had been working steadily since he was paroled a year ago from the penitentiary at Michigan City, but that he had not been able to leave the drink alone during the long days of hard work in the rolling mills at Cleveland.

"Why, I don't think of doing anything wrong when I am sober," he continued, "but when I get drunk I don't know what I am doing. They know me down in Cleveland where I was born and raised and when I get in trouble they just put me in the work house for a while and then let me go again. But I've got to quit the hard work and if they will only let me go now I will find some light job and I sure will leave the booze alone."

Not Smart Enough for Crook. Kennedy, he concluded, "I'm not smart enough to be a crook. Do you know, when I was sent up for the first time in '87 it was for petty larceny. I stole an overcoat and then went and put it right on and lay down in a railway station and went to sleep and of course they caught me right away. And that is just the way I've always done. I'm not smart enough to be a crook."

The man was sentenced to the prison at Michigan City nine years ago but within a year or so he was paroled. Four times he was imprisoned and paroled and, at last, a year ago, he was discharged. He went back to his work in the rolling mills and did all night until finally again he got drunk and wandered to Gary and then to South Bend. He says that his only relatives are two nieces who live in the west. Kennedy says that he will plead guilty when he is arraigned. The law provides that in such a case where a man is found guilty for the third time on a felony charge he may be deemed an habitual criminal and be sent to prison for life. Rev. A. G. Schaefer of the LaSalle av. mission, however, has taken an interest in Kennedy's case and it may be that the man will be given a chance to work for the mission and prove that he will let liquor alone and keep out of jail.

ASKS FOR APPOINTMENT

Action was brought in the circuit court Friday morning by Russell J. Reid to have Etta L. Reid and James D. Reid made part owners of three lots in Morris Park held by the plaintiff.

ADMITS FRAUD IN DEFENSE OF SHEA IN ELECTION CASE

Ex-Judge Orbison, Pleading for Sheriff, Police, Judge and County Sealer, Assails Evidence of "Crooks."

ROBERTS ASSAILED AS HEAD OF CONSPIRACY

Asst. Dist. Atty. Magnus Says "Sordid Search For Dollars" Furnished Animus For Men to Join in Crime.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—Admitting that there was fraud and conspiracy in the last election in Terre Haute and condemning conditions which have existed there for years, ex-Judge Charles Orbison, arguing the Terre Haute election conspiracy case for Sheriff Dennis Shea, county sealer Maurice Walsh and Police Judge Thomas Smith, made a brief summary of the events today.

He denied that any part of the \$6,000 slush fund reached Walsh, who was treasurer of the county democratic committee. He assailed former Chief of Police Holler, former Asst. Chief Nugent and Jack Hines and Buster Clark, saloon keepers, blaming them for the conspiracy to steal the election.

"How can you convict men on the testimony of a group of crooks, thieves, gamblers and saloon keepers?" asked ex-Judge Orbison, finding his three clients in particular and the entire 28 defendants in general.

Admits Conspiracy. "The court has said in its judgment that there was a conspiracy," said that was a conspiracy to corrupt and defraud voters and get by fraudulent means that which could not be gotten otherwise. I say what 88 men came into court and confessed. That is enough to make the proposition self-evident. They have confessed so far as themselves are concerned, that they conspired to undermine the principles of our government," declared Orbison. "There is one question to decide in this case—who were the conspirators?"

Judge Orbison landed Dist. Atty. Dailey for his conduct of the government's case and at the same time said the attorneys had no apologies to offer; they were defending men, not crimes.

Defense Attorneys Speak. Attorneys representing Mayor Donn M. Roberts and 27 co-defendants in the federal government's case charging conspiracy to corrupt elections in Terre Haute and Vigo county, today expected to consume a lot of the court's time in arguments to convince the jury that no conspiracy existed. The defense also will have several hours tomorrow for the same purpose, said Dist. Atty. Frank C. Dailey will wind up the government's case. According to present indications the jury may get the case late Saturday.

Ex-Judge Charles Orbison, representing defendants Shea, Smith and Walsh, was scheduled to begin the argument this forenoon. Asst. Dist. Atty. Milton W. Magnus late Thursday analyzed the government case before the jury, touching on some of the evidence that has been presented against the 28 defendants and pointing out that more than 300 witnesses have appeared to prove all that the government outlined at the opening of the trial. Eighty of these were men against whom indictments were returned by the grand jury, but who entered pleas of guilty.

Magnus severely rebuked Mayor Roberts for his alleged participation in the conspiracy, and contended that the evidence shows conclusively that the 116 men indicted conspired to defraud the United States in the election of a representative in congress and a United States senator.

Says Roberts Led Conspiracy. Magnus accused Mayor Roberts of having charge of the conspiracy and of assuming full responsibility for its perpetration. He declared that the government does not necessarily need to prove that the conspirators sat down and planned a confederation, but that they have acquiesced in participation by word of mouth, nod of the head or in any one of a number of other ways.

The assistant district attorney argued that the evidence showed that Roberts took charge of the conspiracy when he decided Chief of Police Holler to make out the cards with fictitious names for registration and voting purposes and when he directed Asst. Chief Nugent to collect funds for its perpetration. He said that Elmer E. Labold, city controller under Roberts, was the medium through which the cards were distributed throughout Terre Haute and Vigo county.

Vigo county Sheriff Daniel Shea characterized as the "Kling Bee" of the sixth ward, where it is alleged, he bought votes all day. Alexander Acczel, a Hungarian, gave foreign boys their first lesson in voting, Magnus asserted.

Money Furnished "Animus." After bringing in the names of other defendants, Magnus insisted that the conspirators received the animus of their action from their sordid search for the dollar.

PROBE REPORT OF DEATH OF TWO U. S. CITIZENS

Government Investigates Alleged Executions by Carranza Soldiers Near Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The government machinery today was started in the effort to verify unofficial reports sent to Washington from El Paso that two Americans were killed by Carranza soldiers near Mexico City. It was understood representations similar to those made to the Zapata authorities at the national capital in the McManus case will be sent to Carranza when the facts are obtained. The cabinet also discussed the developments in the Mexican situation of the past few days, but no comment was made as to conclusions reached.

The latest American victims of the Mexican war are said to have been Baron Smith of Houston, Texas, and Roscoe Billings. The unofficial reports from the border say they were killed a few miles north of Mexico City for their cattle two months ago. Representations also were looked for from the Turkish government on the execution by Villa of two Syrians at Torreón for the alleged circulation of counterfeit money. The executions are said to have taken place in compliance with Villa's decree imposing the death penalty for this offense. Villa in a statement issued at Torreón has justified this course.

SHOWS NEED FOR SINGLE STANDARD FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

State Inspector Percy, Addressing Section of Teachers' Convention, Says System Equalizes Amount of Work.

"Standardization of high schools has become one of the big problems in our educational work today," said J. B. Percy, state high school inspector, Friday morning in his address before the high school section of the convention. "It is the aim of the state to place a minimum amount of work upon the high school which must be completed before it will be allowed a commission."

"A standard for all high schools in the state must be set," declared Mr. Percy. "If this were not the case, some high schools might accomplish less than others, which would result in an unfair division of the work to be done by the various high schools in the state. It would be manifestly unfair to let a small, uncommissioned high school to slip along doing less work than the larger institutions which are accomplishing much more. It is to avoid that difficulty that the present course of study in the high school a certain amount of work and the smaller schools in order to receive a commission must conform strictly to this program."

Prescribe Reference Works. "One other movement of the state board of education has been to prescribe the kind of libraries and reference works that the program shall maintain. Each school must have the minimum number of books as prescribed by the state ruling, but may if it so desires have more than this. In this way the larger high schools are not handicapped by the smaller."

"Many changes in the course of study for next year will probably be made by the state board, but as yet I am not conversant with the proposed changes. However, I am seeking suggestions for the changes in the course of study, which will eliminate any difficulties which it now seems to contain. Only through the prescribed course of study are we able to standardize our high schools, and it is towards a better standardization that I am working."

Charles R. Dryer of Fort Wayne delivered a talk on "The Present Status and Prospects of School Geography." Miss Marie Boles opened the program of the sectional meeting with a reading. Dr. Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati spoke in place of Dr. E. A. Steiner, due to the illness of the latter. At the close of the meeting, officers for next year were elected. The new officers are: President, Owen J. Neighbors, Wabash; vice president, A. E. Spaulding, Gary; secretary, Miss Minnie McIntyre, Valparaiso. The executive committee of the section is composed of: D. W. Horton, Mishawaka, chairman; R. C. Johnson, Rochester, and J. J. Mitchell, Logansport.

TO SHOW CONDEMNED MEASURES IN STORE WINDOWS APRIL 15

The show windows in the Heller furniture store on S. Michigan st. will be the location of an exhibit of condemned metal measures which have been collected by City Sealer Miller. There will be more than 200 measures and 50 condemned scales in the display, which will be left in the window for a week or 10 days. It is planned to have the exhibit arranged by April 15. The city sealer has taken this method of putting his work before the public instead of a huge bonfire, such as have been staged in other cities. The display was suggested at the last meeting of the board of public safety by Pres't B. F. Augustine.

ASSERTS MOVIES DESTROY CHILD'S HABIT OF READING

Rabbi Stephen Wise Points Out Tendency of Pictures to Pauperize the Mental Faculties of Youth.

DISCUSSES CAUSES AND REMEDY FOR POVERTY

More Than 2,000 Teachers Are in Attendance at Convention Which Opens in Full Blast Friday.

Additional news of the Northern Indiana Teachers' association convention will be found on page 11.

Sectional meetings featured the second day session of the Northern Indiana Teachers' association convention at the high school building today. Eight different programs were being presented simultaneously this morning in the various rooms of the high school building, topics being mainly technical and relative to particular teaching problems.

It was estimated that 2,000 teachers were in attendance at the various meetings this morning. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York delivered the principal address before the grade section in the auditorium which was filled to capacity, several of the sections rushing their programs in order to enable the members to hear the Hebrew scholar.

W. A. Denny, chairman of the executive committee, announced that Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati, O. will take the place of Dr. E. A. Steiner who was engaged to speak before the general session this afternoon. Dr. Steiner collapsed while on the train coming into Chicago and will be unable to be present. Mr. Bigelow is well known in South Bend, having spoken here on political topics. He acted as chairman of the Ohio State Constitutional convention when the constitution was revised and is a brilliant speaker. His address for this afternoon will be "Old Institutions and New Ideas."

To Elect Officers. Preceding the program this afternoon new officers for the general association will be elected to serve during the coming year. Other matters will be taken up at the business session. Officers of all the sections were elected at the meetings this morning.

Before taking up the theme "The Crime of Poverty" Rabbi Wise dwelt upon the demand for a more extensive view of the educational standpoint and its effect upon the youth of the nation. He declared that the motion picture theaters pauperize the mental faculties and intellect of the modern child. He explained his attitude by saying that motion pictures are proving a substitute for the reading of good books. Children, he said, will not read books which are portrayed on the screen and therefore lose the advantages of reading.

"The motion pictures do not tax the mind of the pocketbook, they only tax the eyes," he said. "They give everything and demand no service. I should want to destroy every moving picture theater in the country if it were destroying the habit of reading."

Deals With Causes of Poverty. In his address on "The Crime of Poverty," Rabbi Wise dealt with the causes and effects of poverty, materially but spiritually. In part he said:

Is the War Practicable? "Is a war against poverty practicable and desirable? The fear of the impracticable is the most paralyzing force in the world. On the other hand, to state the extent of poverty among men is to proclaim the desirability of stamping it out. Only he can be indifferent to the possibility of a war against poverty who is indifferent to the sufferings, perennial and as yet uncured, of millions and millions of his fellowmen."

"To hold that poverty is in accordance with the will of God, Bernard Shaw rightly says, is blasphemous, adding that he may say I am the will of God who undertakes to war against it."

"Voluntary poverty may be good for the soul of a man, but involuntary poverty is not good, seeing that it leaves virtually no opportunity for the life of the soul and results in all of life being given to the quest of a living."

"Once poverty may have been associated with what is good because it meant freedom from care for things. But in our time, poverty is not freedom, but slavery. The poverty-stricken man has ceased to be a freeman."

Charity a Tacit Acceptance. "Charity has been too much of a tacit acceptance of the necessity and inevitability of poverty. It has been magnificent in its spirit of service to the poor but it has been far from being a war against poverty."

"A recent conference on 'A War Against Poverty' declared on behalf of certain necessary mental safeguards to life. It named a legal, CONTINUED ON PAGE ELEVEN.

FIRE LOSS \$200,000

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2.—Six firemen were injured early today by falling through a floor while extinguishing the last of the flames that did \$200,000 damage in the wholesale district of Louisville. N. M. Uri & Co. and H. I. Thierman, whiskey dealers and Hardin Hamilton and Lewman's feed warehouse were the chief losers.

ALLEGES MONEY IS DUE

William H. Burke brought suit in the circuit court Friday morning against Clarence H. Elliott to collect \$281.06, alleged to be due on account.